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A. About the Initiative

Background: In the globally competitive environment, intellectual property has placed itself on a pedestal in the context of economic growth and has become more important than ever. Intellectual Property is the fuel that powers the engine of prosperity, fostering invention and innovation. Being an intangible asset, Intellectual Property plays a very important role in the socio-economic ecosystem and their creation and protection is essential for the sustained growth of a nation. Increasing significance of intangible assets in the global economy is forcing business organizations to actively manage the role of IP as a key driver for building and sustaining their competitive advantage and achieving superior performance.

Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) are exclusive rights over such intellectual property granted to creators / holders which protect their rights from misappropriation by third parties without their authorization. They are now not only being used as a tool to protect creativity and generate revenue but also to build strategic alliances for socio-economic and technological growth. Accordingly, in order to foster the protection of innovations and creativity, the Intellectual Property Office under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry is dedicated to mobilize the use of such technological advancement for the economic development of the country.

Intellectual Property Laws in India are TRIPS compliant and coupled with a strong enforcement mechanism and a vibrant judicial system, they create the best investment opportunities and a conducive environment for protecting IP Rights in order to enable the industrial community to diversify its commercial activities.

India has also developed a national framework for creation and protection of IPRs, which is continuously evolving and meets global standards. The challenge before the country is to scale up the process of IP creation and capture value from the scientific and technological creations to catapult the country into the league of most innovative and developed nations.

Recognizing the importance of intellectual property, the Hon’ble President of India declared the decade of 2011-2020 as the Decade of Innovation. The
future prosperity of India in the new knowledge economy would increasingly depend on its ability to generate new ideas, processes and solutions, and the process of innovation would convert knowledge into social good and economic wealth. The President called upon the people to step up expenditure on research to pursue innovation in a big way. In a globally competitive world, India had to unleash its innovation potential to increase capacity, productivity, efficiency, and inclusive growth. “The spirit of innovation has to permeate all sectors of economy from universities, business and government to people at all levels.”

Relevance and Importance of Intellectual Property Rights for cluster – The times are changing and now we can no longer count on a large and regulated market to shelter us in the 21st century. In today’s globalised scenario, industries need to step up their efforts and ability to innovate to make better products and become more proactive to protect their innovations. Innovation-the successful exploitation of new ideas- is the key business process that enables one to compete effectively in the increasing competitive global environment. It is now critical for the Indian industry to understand the implications of Intellectual Property protection – both legal and economic, to protect its own business interests in India and abroad.

However, Indian industry is yet to realize the potential role of intellectual property rights despite their inherent innovative capability. This is evident from the applications filed for protection of intellectual property rights. There exists a two-fold need with respect to intellectual property rights in India:

- Greater understanding across the industrial sector about the fundamentals and different facets of IP and,
- Advanced learning in the area of patents in order to provide trained individuals who can perform at peak potential from early in their career.

In this background, the Intellectual Property Office, in association with the Industry Associations namely the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) & ASSOCHAM, has planned to conduct a series of cluster specific awareness programs on IP in year 2013-2014 to create Intellectual Property awareness among the specific clusters so as to encourage these clusters to promote Intellectual Property Right protection.
A.1 Cluster Selected for 2013

The following clusters 12 clusters have been identified for these awareness programs:

1. Auto - Chennai
2. Leather - Ambur TN
3. Handloom - Ludhiana
4. Leather - Kanpur
5. Gems and Jewellery - Surat
6. Foundry - Belgaon
7. Auto - Pithampur Indore
8. Engineering & Technology - Nasik MH
9. Chemical - Ankleshwar
10. Machine Tools - Bangalore
11. Auto - Pune
12. Coir - Alappuzha Kerala
A.2 Methodology

The following methodology were used in conducting these awareness programs.

Step-I:

A one day awareness programme was held, which is designed with topics covering various aspects of intellectual Property rights including Introduction to Technology Transfer, IP Licensing, Valuation and Auditing and IP Commercialization to offer a comprehensive introduction and up-to-date knowledge to all the participants, particularly those work deals with intellectual property and its effective protection. The program will also focus on issues relating to Enforcement of IPRs & Remedies against Infringement. The 1-day programme would be tailored made as per the specific clusters’ requirement.

Step-2:

The following activities was undertaken by the Industry associations.

- Mapping of Awareness levels currently existing and advice on the way forward, based on questionnaire distributed in the workshop.
- Identifying & short-listing protectable products / processes- creation of a repository of technologies/ products / processes which could be protected through IPRs.

Step-3:

- Identifying suitable IP Protection for the products/processes or designs identified.
- Suggesting mechanisms for protection of intellectual property.
- Developing a Road Map for IP Management Practices.
- Handholding activities by Industry Associations for filling IP applications.
B. Objectives

The Intellectual Property Office has selected twelve clusters out of 39 clusters being supported by Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion under the Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (IIUS) for conducting the IP Awareness programs. The overall objective of the training programme is to give both advisory and protection services. The objectives of these awareness programs are mentioned below.

- To sensitize the clusters about Intellectual Property Right and their protection.
- To identify protectable innovations.
- To suggest steps for transforming innovations into proprietary assets.
- To use IP information, particularly relating to patents and designs, for further research and development in developing new product and process.
- Utilize the IP information in their business development.
C. PLACE & VENUE

Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in collaboration with Intellectual Property Rights office India, under Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) and with support of ITDC-Ichalkaranji conducted the Cluster level Awareness Session on Intellectual Property Rights for Textile Cluster on 4th Dec 2013 at Dattajirao Kadam Technical Education Society's, Textile & Engineering Institute, Rajwada, Ichalkaranji, Dist. Kolhapur (Maharashtra).

Kolhapur is situated in the southwest corner of Maharashtra and shares its eastern and southern border with the State of Karnataka. Kolhapur is one of the fastest-growing cities in Maharashtra and is one of the highest per capita income cities in India.

The Dattajirao Kadam Education society as its first step established the Textile and Engineering Institute in 1982. This was the first educational institute in the state to be started on grant basis and encouraged by the successful establishment of this, the Maharashtra State Government took a policy decision in 1983 to permit various social and industrial organizations of the state to start professional educational institutes, the decision which brought a revolution in the thinking and pattern of the education in the state.
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## Cluster level Intellectual Property Awareness Program

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| 1330 – 1430 Hrs | **Technical Session III**                  | **Mr Tushar Shrikhande**
|               | - Introduction to technology Transfer, IP Licensing, IP Valuation & IP Audit | Advocate R K Dewan & Co.                     |
|               | - IP Commercialisation                     |                                              |
|               | - Case Studies on IP Commercialisation & Appreciation of Revenue Models |                                              |
|               | - Case studies on IP Management            |                                              |
|               | **Speakers**                               | **Mrs Namrata Kavle**
|               | - Mr Nitin Brainleague Bangalore           | Assistant Controller Intellectual Property office, India |
| 1430 – 1500 Hrs | **Technical session III: Enforcement of IPRs & Remedies against Infringement: Case Laws.** | **Mr Tushar Shrikhande**
|               | - Advocate R K Dewan & Co.                 |                                              |
|               | - Mrs Namrata Kavle Assistant Controller Intellectual Property office, India |                                              |
| 1500 – 1530 Hrs | **Q&A**                                    |                                              |
| 1530 – 1600 Hrs | **Technical Session IV: Interactive & Feed Back Session** | **Mrs Namrata Kavle**
|               | - Issues identified in the Cluster Road map ahead. | Assistant Controller Intellectual Property office, India |
| 1530 Hrs      | **Close of the Proceeding**                |                                              |
Annexure II
Speaker(s) profile
Cluster level Intellectual Property Awareness Program
(Cluster: Textile)

ANNEXURE II

Namrata Kavle
Assistant Controller
Intellectual Property office, India

Ms Namrata Kavle holds a degree of bachelor of Electronics from Mumbai and has been working with Intellectual Property Office, India since 2002 and is holding the post of Asstt. Controller of patents & Designs since 2009 onwards.

Tushar Shrikhande
Advocate
R K Dewan

Advocate Tushar Shrikhande completed his BSL LLB in the year 2007 from the prestigious Symbiosis College of Law in Pune. For a short duration he worked with a Real Estate Developer’s Firm in Kolkata as a Junior Law Officer. With a view to get a hands on experience in the field of Real property he joined Wadia Ghandy, Advocates and Solicitors, Pune who primarily dealt with property law. After a little more than a year he shifted his sights to the exciting world of Intellectual Property Law and joined the Pune branch of R. K. Dewan & Co, Trade Mark & Patent Attorneys. He has been working with R. K. Dewan & Co. since October 2008 as a legal Associate, under the personal guidance of Dr. Mohan Dewan, a stalwart & pioneer in the field of Intellectual Property Law. Tushar’s core strength lies in drafting agreements and pleadings, however in order to get hands on experience with litigation and prosecution he did a stint at the firm’s Delhi Office where his training was supervised by the eminent litigator Advocate N. K. Bhardwaj and his team of trademark examiners. He was recently invited to attend the International Trade mark Association’s Annual Meeting held at Dallas, USA where he participated in a table conference on the topic - Corporate Global Trademark Strategies and Tips with Limited Resources. While attending INTA at Dallas, he met and exchanged notes and strategies with trademark lawyers from all over the world. Over the years, Tushar has given many presentations and contributed to many seminars in the field of IP, including giving lectures to LLM students of his Alma Mater, Symbiosis law Pune, addressing entrepreneurs at events/ courses organized by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (Government of India), the Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, Industries & Agriculture and IIT Bombay to name a few.

4 December 2013
Mr Nitin
Brainleague
Bangalore

Mr Nitin heads the electronics and telecommunications patent services team at Brain League. As a Partner, he supervises projects related to the electrical, electronics, communications and software sectors. He works with some of the leading companies in electronics, software and telecommunication sectors on patent searching, drafting and prosecution projects. Mr Nitin also helps clients make decisions on product launch and strategy by providing FTO analysis, infringement analysis and technology landscaping reports.

Mr Nitin is a member of the quality control team at Brain League and plays an important role in defining quality processes and standards. Before starting his career in patents, Mr Nitin worked with companies in the US on projects relating to Radio Frequency and Communications.

Mr Nitin has completed his Bachelors in Engineering in Electronics and Telecommunication from Bombay University and subsequently, pursued his Masters in Electrical Engineering, specializing in Radio frequency Engineering from Syracuse University, USA.
Affexure III
List of Registered Participants
Cluster level Intellectual Property Awareness Program  
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ANNEXURE IV

FEEDBACK

Evaluation of the programme was done on the following basis:-

- Overall Programme Evaluation
- Programme Structure
- Quality of Sparkers
- Content of Presentation
- Level of Learning

Feedback from Participants

- The quality of the speakers and the content of the presentation were good.
- It is preferred to have local speakers or speakers well versed with the local language of the cluster. This helps to connect with the audience.
- More information on the Government facilities regarding finances as regards filing of patent application.
- On spot training on drafting of Patents, State of art search facilities and Government facilities for enforcement of patents through licensing or other means.

Feedback by the Speakers: -

- The program was substantially delayed by the late arrival of the Hon’ble Ex Minister.
- Some of the speakers exceeded the time given to them, others had to rush through their topics.
- Long hours of speech led to a group of unenthusiastic and un-interested Audience.

Way forward

- Timelines should be adhered to.
- Reading material should be distributed before the day of the event.
- The sessions should be more interactive and less of presentation.

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PRESENTATIONS
Introduction

“trade mark means a mark capable of being represented graphically and which is capable of distinguishing the goods or services of one person from those of others and may include shape of goods, their packaging and combination of colours.”
Design

• According to Section 2(d) of the Design Act 2000 means only the features of shape, configuration, pattern, ornament or composition of lines or colors applied to any article whether in two dimensional or three dimensional or in both forms, by any industrial process or means, whether manual, mechanical or chemical, separate or combined, which in the finished article appeal to and are **judged solely by the eye**.
Trademark

- Trademark can include Words, Letters, Symbols, Logo, Colours, Combination of words & letters, Shapes, Pictures, Slogans, Corporate Names, Collective marks, Certification marks, Domain names
- Goods Classes: 1 to 34 and Service Classes: 35 to 45
- Perpetual right provided it’s renewed
- Infringement of Trade Mark (Criminal + Civil Remedies)

Importance of Registering a Trademark

- Deterrent to the infringer
- Statutory right to restrain
- Association with quality of product in the mind of the consumer
- Creation of goodwill
- Cost-effective
- Intangible Property—BUY IT, SELL IT, MORTGAGE IT, TRANSFER IT, LICENSE IT AND WILL IT
Who can apply for Trademark

- Any individual, company, association of persons or body of individuals, society, partnership firm, claiming to be the proprietor of a trademark ‘used’ or ‘proposed to be used’ by him may file an application for registration

Registration Offices and their Jurisdiction

- **Mumbai Office:**
  - Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Goa

- **Ahmedabad Office:**
  - Gujarat, Rajasthan, Daman, Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli

- **Kolkata Office:**
  - Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Orissa, West Bengal, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Andaman & Nicobar Island

- **Delhi Office:**
  - Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi and Chandigarh

- **Chennai Office:**
  - Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Pondicherry & Lakshadweep
Concept of “Proposed to be Used”

• Current use of Trademark not necessary

• A mark that has been filed on a proposed to be used basis can be registered and renewed, even though it may not have been put to use

Prohibition of Registration

• Marks that may deceive/cause confusion amongst the public

• If they comprise any matter likely to hurt religious sentiments

• Marks that contain scandalous or obscene matter
Well-known Trademarks

• Statutory protection granted to well-known trademarks in India

• Use not permitted by any person other than its proprietor in respect of any goods/services, whether similar or not.

Examples of Trade Marks

fabindia
raymond
VERSACE
BOMBAY DYEING
ZARA
Certification marks

Certifying certain standard, origin, quality, accuracy or other characteristic are met or materials used or services rendered meet the standards indicated.

Eg: ISI, AGMARK, ISO, GOLDMARK, WOOLMARK
Examples of certification marks

Features of certification marks

• Can be used by a number of traders

• Cannot be used as a trade mark

• Standards are set by the owners of the certification marks

• Government has no control over standards setting

• Registration can be cancelled of a certification mark, if misused
Collective marks

- Trademark owned by an organization, whose members use them to identify themselves with a level of quality or accuracy, geographical origin, or other characteristics set by the organization.

- e.g. J K Group, Tata, Reliance Dhirubhai Ambani Group

- Section 63 deals with the registration of Collective marks

Co-existence of identical marks:

- Honest & concurrent user (Section 12 of the Act)

- Similar or identical marks in different classes
  exception: well – known mark

- Use of the marks is restricted to particular territory e.g.: cottage industry or restaurant
Trademark search

- Before proceeding with the registration of the Trademark a **Search** is necessary.
- To know Pending and Registered Trade marks filed by Individuals and Entities; and
- To identify the relevant class in which the goods and services need to be registered based on the NICE classification.
- Search conducted using records published in the Trademark Registry database.

**Diagram:**
- **SEARCH [PER MARK PER CLASS]**
- **FILE TRADEMARK APPLICATION [PER MARK PER CLASS]**
- **GET THE APPLICATION NO**
- **RECEIVE THE EXAMINATION REPORT**
- **COMPLY WITH EXAMINATION REPORT**
- **MARK IS ACCEPTED OR REJECTED**
  - **IF ACCEPTED:** PUBLISHED IN TRADE MARK JOURNAL
  - **Opportunity to file for Opposition within 4 months from date of publication**
  - **If No Opposition:** Trademark registration certificate awarded [within 12 months] from the date of publication
  - **Renewal every 10 years**
Falsification of trademarks

- User not a Proprietor
- Absence of Consent of the Proprietor to use the mark
- Use of the mark or a deceptively similar mark
- Alteration, Addition, Effacement
- Use of mark or deceptively similar mark for deceptively similar packaging
- Use of mark or deceptively similar mark for counterfeit goods

Penalties for falsifying trademarks

- Imprisonment with Fine
  - Minimum 6 months
  - Maximum 3 years
- Fine
  - Minimum Rs. 50,000/-
  - Maximum Rs. 2,00,000/-
Examples of falsifying trademarks
Trademark litigation

**Passing off suit:** Action can be taken under common law rights for violation of an unregistered trade mark. (Section 27 of the Act)

**Infringement suit:** Action to be taken for violation of an registered trade mark (Section 29 of the Act)

Litigation Strategies

- Investigate the Defendant completely before filing a suit
- Consider filing a civil suit in the place where the defendant resides or conducts business or works for gain
Requirements for Registration of Design

1. Must apply to articles
2. Appeal to the Eye
3. New or originality
4. No prior publication

Industrial Design Protection

• Industrial design protection is provided only for the aesthetic feature of a product, not for its functional design
• Economic value of these products lies in enhancing their aesthetic appeal to consumers
• Functional design not registrable
Advantages of Design Registration

- Provides the basis for taking legal action
- Grants exclusive right for 15 years
- Business asset that can be bought, sold, transferred or licensed
- Prevents others from copying or imitating the design

Prohibitions for Registration

A design which-

1. is not new or original; or

2. has been disclosed to the public anywhere in India or in any other country by publication in tangible form or by use or in any other way prior to the filing date, or where applicable, the priority date of the application for registration; or

3. is not significantly distinguishable from known designs or combinations of known designs; or

4. comprises scandalous or obscene matter
Piracy

• Section 22(1) deals with Piracy

• Infringement of a copyright in design is termed as "Piracy of a registered Design"

• Civil remedies U/S 22(2) available

What amounts to Piracy

• To publish or to have it published or expose for sale

• To either apply or cause to apply the design

• To import for the purpose of sale
Remedies against Piracy

• Interlocutory Injunction

• Damages or Compensation

Term and Renewal

• Registration valid for period of 10 years

• Further renewed upto 5 years
Essentials to remember

• IT IS ABSOLUTELY FUNDAMENTAL THAT YOUR DESIGN SHOULD BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL BEFORE REGISTRATION

• ONCE IN PUBLIC DOMAIN, ITS NOVELTY IS LOST AND THE DESIGN CANNOT BE REGISTERED

Thank You,

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ENFORCEMENT OF IP and
CASE STUDIES

Enforcement of IP

• Trade marks:
  - Civil Remedies: damages
  - Criminal Remedies:
    6 months - 3 years imprisonment
    Fine of 50,000/- Rs. - 2 lakh Rs.
  Seizing
Enforcement of IP

• Copyright

- Civil Remedies:
  - Damages
  - Injunction
  - Whole or parts of profits

- Criminal Remedies:
  - 6 months - 3 years imprisonment
  - Fine of 50,000/- to 2 lakh rupees
  - Seizing
  - Disposal of goods
Enforcement of IP

• Patents
  - Civil Remedies:
    injunction or damages or
    account of profits
    + seizing, destroying or forfeiting
    of the infringing goods

• Designs:
  - Civil Remedies:
    Damages of max. 50,000 Rs.
    Injunction
  - Criminal Remedies: NA
Enforcement of IP

• Geographical indications:
  - Civil Remedies: damages
  - Criminal Remedies:
    6 months to 3 years imprisonment
    Fine of 50,000/- to 2 lakh rupees
    Seizing

CASE STUDIES
Gorbatschow Wodka K.G. v John Distilleries Ltd.

• The Russian vodka manufacturing company, Gorbatschow Wodka succeeded in restraining John Distilleries Limited from marketing vodka in a bottle similar in shape and appearance to the one used by Gorbatschow Wodka although Gorbatschow had not registered the bottle design in India.

Hygienic Research Vs. Cento Products- Vasmol Case

• The Plaintiff was registered owner of Vasmol 33 and Super Vasmol 33;
• The Defendant copied not only the trade mark, but also the art work, colour scheme, get up etc. of the Plaintiff’s carton;
• The Court granted an interim injunction restraining the Defendants from manufacturing the product;
• And also an order appointing a receiver to seize, seal, etc. the infringing products and material;
Hygienic Research Vs. Cento Products- Vasmol Case

• Court Receivers conducted simultaneous investigations at 3 premises of the Defendants and seized huge stocks of SUPER WAXMOL 303 branded goods.
• Defendants also served with ad-interim injunction orders.
Eatman Foods India Pvt. Ltd Vs. Savorit Ltd.

• Eatman Foods had claimed that their registered trademark (label) “Tastee Masala” was being infringed by Savorit’s use of the trademark “Tastii”

• A Suit was filed for the grant of interim injunction before the Hon’ble Single judge

Eatman Foods India Pvt. Ltd Vs. Savorit Ltd.

• The Hon’ble Single Judge rejected the petition on following grounds:

1. Product manufactured and marketed by the parties are different.

2. What has been registered by the parties is only the "label". The names "TASTEE" and "TASTII" are part of the labels.
Eatman Foods India Pvt. Ltd Vs. Savorit Ltd.

3. The labels are not similar

- Eatman appealed before Delhi High Court
- Delhi High Court dismissed the appeal and upheld the decision of Hon’ble Single Judge

Microfibres Inc. vs. Girdhar and Co. and Anr.

- In this case, the Double Bench of the Delhi High Court dwelled on the question of artistic work (under Copyrights Act) vs. design (under the Designs Act)
- Appellant manufactured Upholstery Fabrics with unique artistic works;
- Respondent copied;
- Court held in favour of Respondent.
Thank You
What is patent?

- Exclusive right for an invention
- For a product or process
- A new way of doing something
- New technical solution to a problem
What does a patent do?

- Provides protection for an invention
- To the owner
- For a limited period

What kind of protection

- Protection against commercial use, manufacture, sell or import of a product or process by any unauthorized person
- Rights are enforced through a court by stopping infringement and compensation for damages.
What can be patented?
(Patentable inventions)

- An invention which is **novel**, which involves **inventive step** and which is **Industrially applicable** (S.2(1)(j))

Novelty

- Invention should not have fell in public domain by
  - Prior disclosure
  - Prior use
  - Prior claiming
Inventive Step (Non-obviousness)

- a feature of an invention that involves technical advance as compared to the existing knowledge
  OR
- having economic significance
  OR
- Both
  AND
- that makes the invention not obvious to a person skilled in the art

What is Obviousness

- that which does not go beyond the normal progress of technology but merely follows plainly or logically from the prior art, i.e. something which does not involve the exercise of any skill.
- “Art” means the relevant technical field.
Skilled Person

- An ordinary practitioner aware of what was common general knowledge in the art at the relevant date (average skilled person).

Industrial applicability

- An invention is capable of industrial application if it can be made or can be used in at least one field of industrial activity
- It does not necessarily imply the use of a machine or the manufacture of a product and covers such thing as a process for dispersing fog.
Inventions not patentable

- An invention which is frivolous or which claims anything obvious contrary to well established natural laws (S.3(a))

  e.g., A Perpetual motion machine alleged to be giving output without any input is not patentable as it is contrary to natural law

- “An invention the primary or intended use or commercial exploitation of which could be contrary to public order or morality or which causes serious prejudice to human, animal or plant life or health or to the environment.” (S.3(b))

  e.g., any device, apparatus or machine for committing theft, for counterfeiting of currency notes, method of adulteration of food.
Inventions not patentable

“The mere discovery of a scientific principle or the formulation of an abstract theory or discovery of any living thing or non-living substances occurring in nature (S.3(c))

e.g., finding out that a particular known material is able to withstand mechanical shock is a discovery and therefore unpatentable

Inventions not patentable

“The mere discovery of a new form of a known substance which does not result in the enhancement of the known efficacy of that substance or the mere discovery of any new property or new use for a known substance or of the mere use of a known process, machine or apparatus unless such known process results in a new product or employs at least one new reactant” (S.3(d))

e.g. New forms or derivatives of known substances like mixtures of isomers, metabolites, complexes, combinations, salts, hydrates, polymorphs, isomers, esters, ethers
Inventions not patentable

“A substance obtained by a mere admixture resulting only in the aggregation of the properties of the components thereof or a process for producing such substance” (S.3(e))

e.g., mixture of sugar and some colorants in water to produce a soft drink

However, an admixture resulting into synergistic properties of a mixture is not considered as mere admixture e.g. soap, detergent, lubricants

Inventions not patentable

“The mere arrangement or re-arrangement or duplication of known devices each functioning independently of one another in a known way” (S.3(f))

A mere juxtaposition of known devices in which each device functions independently

e.g., an umbrella with fan (388/Bom/73), Bucket fitted with torch, Clock and transistor in a single cabinet
"A method of agriculture or horticulture." (S.3(h))

e.g., A method of producing mushroom plant
A method of producing improved soil from
the soil with nematodes by treating the soil
with a preparation containing specified
phosphorothioates.

"Any process for the medicinal, surgical, curative,
prophylactic, diagnostic therapeutic or other treatment
of human beings or any process for a similar treatment
of animals to render them free of disease or to increase
their economic value or that of their products." (S.3(i))

e.g., A method of treatment of malignant tumor cells
and method of removal of dental plaque and carries
Inventions not patentable

- Plants and animals in whole or any part thereof other than microorganisms but including seeds, varieties and species and essentially biological processes for production or propagation of plants and animals
e.g., plant varieties containing genes introduced into an ancestral plant by recombinant gene technology

-Inventions not patentable

- “A mathematical or business method or a computer program per se or algorithms are not patentable.
e.g., computer program product in computer readable medium, a computer readable medium having a program recorded thereon”, etc.
Scheme or method of bookkeeping, method of tax collection
Inventions not patentable

“A literary, dramatic, musical or artistic work or any other aesthetic creation whatsoever including cinematographic works and television productions”

e.g., Writings, music, works of fine arts, paintings, sculptures, computer programs, electronic databases, books, pamphlets; lectures, addresses, sermons, dramatic-musical works, choreographic works, cinematographic works, drawing, painting

Inventions not patentable

“Schemes, rules and methods for performing mental acts, playing games”

e.g., Method of learning a language

Method of playing a poker game with card back hands
Inventions not patentable

- Presentations of information
- Any manner, means or method of expressing information whether visual, audible or tangible by words, codes, signals, symbols, diagrams or any other mode of representation
  
  *e.g.*, a *newspaper layout designed so that folding the paper did not hinder reading*

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Inventions not patentable

- “Topography of integrated circuit”
  
  *e.g.*, *Three-Dimensional configuration of the electronic circuits used in microchips and semiconductor chips*
Inventions not patentable

“An invention which in effect, is traditional knowledge or which is an aggregation or duplication of known properties of traditionally known component or components”

*e.g., Wound healing property of turmeric*

However, any value-addition using Traditional Knowledge leading to a new process or product, possessing novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability, can be patentable.

Inventions not patentable

“No Patent shall be granted in respect of an invention relating to atomic energy falling within subsection (1) of section 20 of the Atomic Energy Act, 1962 (33 of 1962)”

Invention which in the opinion of Central Govt. is useful for or related to the production, control, use or disposal of atomic energy or prospecting mining extraction, production, physical and chemical treatment fabrication, enrichment, canning or use of any prescribed substance or radioactive substance or the insuring of safety in atomic energy operation.
Opposition to the Grant of Patent

- GROUNDS OF OPPOSITION
  (a) WRONGFUL OBTAINING
  (b) PRIOR PUBLICATION
  (c) PRIOR CLAIMING
  (d) PRIOR PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE/PRIOR PUBLIC USE
  (e) LACK OF INVENTIVE STEP/OBVIOUSNESS
  (f) NOT AN INVENTION/NOT PATENTABLE
  (g) INSUFFICIENCY OF DISCRIPTION
  (h) NO/WRONG FOREIGN FILING INFORMATION
  (i) CONVENTION APPLICATION NOT WITHIN 12 MONTHS
  (j) NO/WRONG MENTIONING OF THE SOURCE/GEOGRAPHICAL ORIGIN OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
  (k) ANTICIPATED WITH REGARD TO KNOWLEDGE ORAL/OTHERWISE AVAILABLE WITHIN ANY LOCAL/INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY IN INDIA OR ELSEWHERE.

Pre-Grant Opposition proceedings

- time after publication u/s 11A, but before the grant of Patent on any of the grounds u/s 25(1).
- Patent is not granted before the expiry of six months from the date of publication u/s 11A (to provide assured period of 6 months for Pre Grant Opp.)
- The Controller considers the representation only after an RQ has been filed.
POST GRANT OPPOSITION

- Within 12 months from the date of publication of Grant.
- By person interested
- On the prescribed grounds same as pre grant representation

RIGHTS OF PATENTEE

- In case of a patented product, the patentee shall have the exclusive right to prevent third parties, from the act of making, using, offering for sale, selling or importing for those purposes that product in India.

- In case of a patented process, the patentee shall have the exclusive right to prevent third parties, from the act of using that process, and from the act of using, offering for sale, selling or importing for those purposes the product obtained directly by that process in India.
Thank You
OVERVIEW OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

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WHAT IS IP?

INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY (IP) refers to creations of the mind, such as inventions; literary and artistic works; designs; and symbols, names and images used in commerce.

IP is protected in law by, for example, patents, designs, trademarks, geographical indications and copyright.
What is IPR?

- Rights given to persons over creations of mind
  - To use its own plans, ideas, or other intangible assets such as musical, literary, and artistic works; discoveries and inventions; and words, phrases, symbols, and designs
  - Without the worry of competition
- These rights may be enforced by court via a lawsuit.

Significance of Intellectual Property

- Avoids duplication of research
- Keeps abreast with latest development of technology
  - (i.e. helps industry to improve existing technology to produce better & cheaper product)
- Providing Reward as Exclusive Right for disclosure. Right can be shared, licensed or sold.
- Making Profits THROUGH SELLING OR LICENSING
- Preventing competitors from copying or imitating Right to initiate legal proceedings against Infringement.
Exploiting IP as Business Tools

- Logo(s)  
  TM/Copyright
- Words and their combinations  
  TM/Copyright
- Sound  
  TM/Copyright
- Ornamentation, Shape, Form  
  Copyright(TM/Design registration
- Functionality/Technology  
  Patent
- Geographical Place of Origin  
  G.I.
- Know How  
  Confidentiality/Trade Secrets

Patent

- A MONOPOLY RIGHT
- GRANTED
- § BY THE GOVT.
- § FOR FULL DISCLOSURE OF INVENTION
- § TO OWNER OR HIS ASSIGNEE
- § FOR LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME i.e. 20 years
- A TERRITORIAL RIGHT

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Example

- A RAPIER DRIVE SYSTEM FOR SHUTTLELESS LOOMS
- DRIVE SYSTEM FOR A WEAVING LOOM

TRADEMARK

- A trademark is a mark capable of being represented graphically and capable of distinguishing the goods or services of one enterprise from those of other enterprises.

- “TM” can be used in proximity of the symbol without registration in TM registry

- “R” can be used after registration only
Designs

Industrial designs refer to creative activity which result in the ornamental or formal appearance of a product.

A design may consist of three-dimensional features, such as the shape or surface of an article, or of two-dimensional features, such as patterns, lines or color.
Textile Design

- Design No. 191389
- No. 191320
- No. 191319
- No. 191318

THE RISHABH VELVELLEN LIMITED, HARDWAR: 249 407, U.P., INDIA.

Copyright

Copyright is a right given by the law to creators of
- literary, dramatic, musical and artistic works and producers
  of cinematograph films and sound recordings

It is a bundle of rights including, inter alia, rights of
- reproduction,
- communication to the public,
- adaptation and
- translation of the work.
Geographical Indications

A geographical indication (GI) is a name or sign used on certain products which corresponds to a specific geographical location or origin (e.g. a town, region, or country).

The use of a GI may act as a certification that the product possesses certain qualities, is made according to traditional methods, or enjoys a certain reputation, due to its geographical origin.

Examples of GI

- Nashik valley wine, Mahabaleshwar strawberry and Paithani sarees. [Listed in GI]
- Kolhapuri chappal, Puneri pagadi [Pending]
- GI in Textile out of Maharashtra- Gadwal sarees, Sandur Lambani embroidery, Kasuti embroidery, Tilak sarees, Molakalmuru sarees, Mysore silk, Kasaragod sarees, Kuthamally sarees, Kancheepuram Silk Sarees, Madurai Sungudi Sarees, Kovai Cora Cotton, Arani Silk, Banarasi sarees and hand-made carpet from Bhadohi
Who can file?

- Inventor
- Assignee of Inventor
- Legal Representative of Inventor or Assignee
Where to file?

- The patent office where the applicant
  - Resides
  - Has place of business
  - Has originated invention
  - The patent office depending on the jurisdiction of address for service in India for Foreign applicants

Jurisdiction for filing

- Mumbai
  - Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Goa, Chhattisgarh, the Union Territories of Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli.

- Delhi
  - Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, National Capital Territory of Delhi and the Union Territory of Chandigarh

- Chennai
  - Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and the Union Territories of Pondicherry and Lakshadweep

- Kolkata
  - Rest of India
How to file?

- Manually by delivering a hard copy of all essential documents at the patent office by post, courier or hand delivery
- OR
- E-filing through official portal for online filing at www.ipindia.nic.in

When to apply?

- As soon as possible after the invention is originated and before
  - Prior disclosure in public domain
  - Prior use
Types of applications

- Ordinary application
- Conventional application
- PCT national phase application
- Divisional Application
- Patent of Addition
- Cognate application

Documentary requirements

- Must on the date of filing
  1. Application (Form 1)
  2. Provisional/Complete specification (Form 2)
     (includes, Description, claims and drawings if any and abstract)
  3. Priority documents, if any, if not in English, English translation thereof
Documentary requirements

- Mandatory but can be filed later within prescribed time limit
  - Statement and Undertaking (Form 3)
  - Proof of right to apply (an assignment)
  - Declaration of Inventorship
  - Power of Attorney
  - Request for examination

Documentary requirements

- Optional requirements to expedite the procedure
  - Request for early publication (Form 9)
  - Express request for examination - for PCT national phase application (Form 18 with additional fees)
Publication

- After 18 months from the date of filing U/S 11A except when
  - Secrecy direction is imposed u/s 35
  - The application has been abandoned u/s 9(1)
  - The application is withdrawn three months prior to the publication period

- Within one month from the date of receipt of request for early publication

Particulars of publication

- Application no. allotted by the office
- Date of filing of Application
- Title of Invention
- Publication date
- International Patent classification
- Name and Address of the Applicant
- Name of the Inventor(s)
- Priority details
- Parent application no. in case of patent of addition or division
- Abstract of the Invention including drawing (if any)
Examination of application

- Subject to satisfaction of two conditions
  - Application is published in the Patent Journal
  - Request for examination has been made by the applicant or any person interested.

“Person interested” includes a person engaged in, or in promoting research in the same field as that to which the invention relates

Procedure for examination

- Screening
- Formality check up
- Substantive/technical examination
Screening

To determine

- Technical fields of invention
- International and Indian Classification
- Relevance to defense or atomic energy
- Correction/completing the abstract, if required

INTERNATIONAL PATENT CLASSIFICATION (IPC)

- SECTION A — HUMAN NECESSITIES
- SECTION B — PERFORMING OPERATIONS; TRANSPORTING
- SECTION C — CHEMISTRY; METALLURGY
- SECTION D — TEXTILES; PAPER
- SECTION E — FIXED CONSTRUCTIONS
- SECTION F — MECHANICAL ENGINEERING; LIGHTING; HEATING; WEAPONS; BLASTING
- SECTION G — PHYSICS
- SECTION H — ELECTRICITY
SECTION D — TEXTILES; PAPER

- **D01** NATURAL OR ARTIFICIAL THREADS OR FIBRES; SPINNING
- **D02** YARNS; MECHANICAL FINISHING OF YARNS OR ROPES; WARPING OR BEAMING
- **D03** WEAVING
- **D04** BRAIDING; LACE-MAKING; KNITTING; TRIMMINGS; NON-WOVEN FABRICS
- **D05** SEWING; EMBROIDERING; TUFTING
- **D06** TREATMENT OF TEXTILES OR THE LIKE; LAUNDERING; FLEXIBLE MATERIALS NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR
- **D07** ROPES; CABLES OTHER THAN ELECTRIC PAPER
- **D21** PAPER-MAKING; PRODUCTION OF CELLULOSE
- **D99** SUBJECT MATTER NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SECTION [8]
Formality check

- All relevant forms, request, petitions, assignment deeds, translation etc.
- Payment of fees and other details
- Provisional and/or complete specification, Abstract, drawings (if any) whether in prescribed format
- Presence of meaningful claim(s) or absence of claims in a complete specification
- Proof of right
- Form 5 (if complete after provisional)
- Form 3 requirements (Foreign filing details)

Substantive/Technical Examination

- Check for unity of invention
- Assessment of patentability of the subject matter
- Assessment of sufficiency of disclosure
- Novelty search
- Determination of the inventive step
- Judgment of validity of claims
- Disclosure of geographical origin of the Biological material
- Permission from National Bio diversity Authority
Not an anticipation

- **Prior publication**
  - if published without knowledge of the applicant and the application is made immediately after learning that the publication had happened

- **Previous communication to Government**
  - to investigate the invention or its merits

- **Prior public display**
  - **if applied for patent within 12 months** after such opening of the exhibition (notified by the Central Government) where the invention is first displayed

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Not an anticipation

- **Prior reading**
  - If application is made within the period of twelve months after the description of the invention in a paper is read by inventor in the transactions before a learned society

- **Prior public working**
  - If the invention is worked in public for a reasonable trial because the nature of the invention is such that it was necessary to do so and application is made within the period of twelve months

- **Use and Publication after provisional specifications**
Amendments

- Voluntary – by filing form 13
  OR
- To overcome the objection raised by examiner on issue of sufficiency, clarity or patentability
- Should not go beyond disclosure
- Must be by way of disclaimer, correction or explanation.

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IP And Business
By
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Stop competitors
Increase revenues
Generating licensing revenues
Increasing financial value

Business value of IP
Stop competitors

- Notices
- PR
- Marketing materials
Stop competitors - Notices
Stop competitors - Notices

Increase revenues

- Prevent loss of business revenue
- Build new business opportunities
- Revenue through exclusivity
Licensing Revenue

High potential

Highly neglected

Problems in implementation

Exercise

X invents a flexible clothes hangar. Gets a patent granted on it, but his distribution network is limited to Maharashtra.

How can he generate revenue from other places?
Increasing financial value

In a non-IP savvy company
- Tangible Assets: 1
- Intangible Assets: 0.1

In an IP savvy company
- Tangible Assets: 1
- Intangible Assets: 5-10

Business Development

- Competitive edge
- Government tenders
- Advertising and marketing campaigns
Plast, a company that makes plastic bags, develops a machine and a process for making bags indigenously. The machine is ten times less costly than its foreign counterpart. It allows the company to make double the bags when compared to the existing machines. The process helps in improving the quality of the products.

What should the company do to gain business value?

Exercise

Cost and effort of
- Protection
- Maintenance
- Management
- Enforcement

How do you decide on filing?
- Finding the number of IPs present within a company
- Current IP management process in a company
- Provide recommendations
  - Protection
  - Process

A SME based in Orissa
- Audit performed under the UNIDO program
- Trademarks and designs uncovered
- Trademarks and designs filed
A SME based in Mumbai
- Audit performed under the UNIDO program
- Patents, trademarks and designs uncovered
- Patents, trademarks and designs filed

IP Audit – Case study

- Estimating the value of an IP
- Monetary range
  - Claim coverage
  - Prior arts
  - Number of patents in that technology area
  - Previous transactions in that technology area
  - Market

IP Valuation
A leading food industry company
- Patents related to pav bhaji and misal rassa
- Industry standards/rating method used
- Value: Rs. 1.5 - 2.5 crores

IP Valuation – Case study

- Evaluate strength of patent
- History of patent
- Agreement
  - Terms and conditions/duration
  - Payment terms
  - Usage
  - Termination

Technology Transfer - Patent
- Evaluate strength of technology
  - FTO
- Agreement
  - Terms and conditions/duration
  - Payment terms
  - Usage
  - Termination

### Technology Transfer – Non-patent

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Annexure V
News Coverage
The event was covered by various media houses. The glimpse of the same are attached as below.

The Cluster level Intellectual Property Awareness Program covered by Daily Jagrut Lok - Netd
Cluster level Intellectual Property Awareness Program
(Cluster: Textile)

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The Cluster level Intellectual Property Awareness Program covered by Daily Sakal (Top) & daily Pudhari (Bottom)
Annexure VI
Glimpse of The Event
Cluster level Intellectual Property Awareness Program
(Cluster: Textile)

ANNEXURE VI

Shri P.K. Awade, Ex Minister of Textile, Maharashtra and other dignitaries inaugurating the Cluster level Intellectual Property Awareness Program on Textile Cluster

Mrs. Namrata Kavle, Assistant Controller, Intellectual Property office, India addressing the participants during Cluster level Intellectual Property Awareness Program on Textile Cluster

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Cluster level Intellectual Property Awareness Program

(Cluster: Textile)

Participants during the Cluster level Intellectual Property Awareness Program on Textile Cluster

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Annexure VII
About Organisers
Cluster level Intellectual Property Awareness Program
(Cluster: Textile)

About CII

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) works to create and sustain an environment conducive to the development of India, partnering industry, Government, and civil society, through advisory and consultative processes.

CII is a non-government, not-for-profit, industry-led and industry-managed organization, playing a proactive role in India's development process. Founded over 118 years ago, India's premier business association has over 7100 members, from the private as well as public sectors, including SMEs and MNCs, and an indirect membership of over 90,000 enterprises from around 257 national and regional sectoral industry bodies.

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With 63 offices, including 10 Centres of Excellence, in India, and 7 overseas offices in Australia, China, Egypt, France, Singapore, UK, and USA, as well as institutional partnerships with 224 counterpart organizations in 90 countries, CII serves as a reference point for Indian industry and the international business community.

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About IPO
The Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trade Marks (CGPDTM) is located at Mumbai. The Head Office of the Patent office is at Kolkata and its Branch offices are located at Chennai, New Delhi and Mumbai. The Trade Marks registry is at Mumbai and its Branches are located in Kolkata, Chennai, Ahmedabad and New Delhi. The Design Office is located at Kolkata in the Patent Office. The Offices of The Patent Information System (PIS) and National Institute of Intellectual Property Management (NIIPM) are at Nagpur. The Controller General supervises the working of the Patents Act, 1970, as amended, the Designs Act, 2000 and the Trade Marks Act, 1999 and also renders advice to the Government on matters relating to these subjects. In order to protect the Geographical Indications of goods a Geographical Indications Registry has been established in Chennai to administer the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999 under the CGPDTM.

About Ichalkaranji Textile Development Cluster Limited (ITDC)
Ichalkaranji is home to one of the oldest textile industries in India. Home to nearly 5,000 textile factories, it is also one of India’s largest centres of small scale industries. The presence of a qualified workforce and the level of technical know-how and easy accessibility to finest weavers of Ichalkaranji for outsourcing and over all good social ambiance were among the factors that influenced Italian textile. The Ichalkaranji Municipal Council, Ichalkaranji Industrial Estate, DKTE’s Textile and Engineering Institute, Laxmi Industrial Estate and Parvati Industrial Estate have jointly come together and formed a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) company viz. “Ichalkaranji Textile Development Cluster Limited (ITDC) which has been registered and it will implement the project.

The main objects of the SPV company are:

- To form a Textile Cluster, a local agglomeration of small, medium and large textile and ancillary enterprises, which are engaged in production, marketing range of related and complementary products and services.
- To provide adequate water supply, roads, drainage system, power facilities, common infrastructure facilities.
- To develop markets, raw material bank, common processing center, industrial training center, common facility center, communication center etc.
- To provide facilities for quality improvement, common testing facilities, research and development.
- To provide fire-fighting facilities, common effluent treatment plant and to promote and develop critical infrastructure facilities for textile trade, commerce and industry.